

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Yusaku FUJII

Serial No.

Group Art Unit:

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Examiner:

For: ORGANISM CHARACTERISTIC DATA ACQUIRING APPARATUS, AUTHENTICATION APPARATUS, ORGANISM CHARACTERISTIC DATA ACQUIRING METHOD, ORGANISM CHARACTERISTIC DATA ACQUIRING PROGRAM AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM ON WHICH THIS PROGRAM IS RECORDED

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows: